

Rāpare tekau o Here-turi-kōkā: Thursday 10 August 2017

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### **Awesome writing by two students from Room 8, one Year 3 and one Year 4 ...**

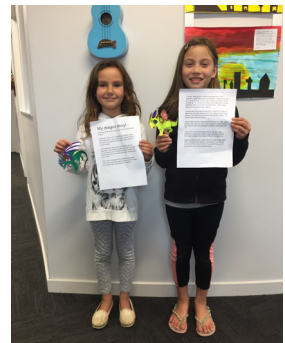
One day I woke up and I heard a big bang down in the basement. I was frightened by the noise so I woke up my mum but she did not wake up. So I *went* to wake my brother up and he woke up. We opened the curtains that looked down into the basement. While my brother was watching TV. I *went* straight down into the basement and I saw a...

Creature behind the washing machine. It was furry, it had big green eyes that were staring at me. The creature's eyes were glowing I went forward and I looked slowly at the creature. The creature was walking forwards...

I went forward and the creature went forwards too. I saw a big prickel in the creature's hand. I tried to grab the prickel out of the creature's hand but the creature pulled its hand away from me.

I then went and got some doggy biscuits. My dog 'Ziggy' followed me back to the creature. Ziggy was surprised that there was a strange, furry creature sitting in my basement.

Ziggy was barking at the creature then the creature fell asleep. While the creature was asleep in my basement I got the big prickel out of the creature's hand. The creature woke up. He was thankful and we both became friends. **Anahera**



Rihanna and Anahera –  
the authors of this  
week's writing.  
Awesome effort girls!

### **My dragon story!**

One day I woke up for school. I opened the window and I saw a...

Creature! I ran to mum I said there is a creature. Mum didn't believe me. I ran to Aden I said "I saw a creature". He came in my room he didn't see it, I saw a shadow. I was so scared.

I felt frightened I was scared I wish this day did not happen. I ran to Aden he said "what now?" He came to my room he could not believe it. He ran to his room he locked the door. He made sure that it could not get in his room.

Then I was not scared of the creature. We became friends now my brother meet my friend. My mum meet my friend too then I said "that is the creature". **Rhianna**

### **Continuing with the literacy theme... next Friday 18 August starting at 9 am.**

Avril McDonald (award winning London-based NZ author of [The Feel Brave Series of Books](#) - little stories about big feelings for 4-7 year olds), will be carrying out a NZ book tour and wellbeing workshops in schools during July and August and we are pleased to announce that she will be at Levin North School on Friday 18 August. Avril will be working with our children telling the Feel Brave stories and will demonstrate fun exercises and games that help build positive emotional health. There is no cost to parents for this session.

Avril is passionate about helping NZ children with mental health issues by sharing her work and is therefore not charging New Zealand schools a fee for the visit but hopes that parents and children will support her costs by purchasing some of the Feel Brave books which she will sign and personally dedicate for them on the day.

Please help support the visit and the important work she is doing if you can/would like to by returning the attached order form with the correct money by **Thursday 17 August**.

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The [Feel Brave](#) Series of books aim to help children manage tough emotions and reach their potential. Each book tells a story about a real life situation that children may face, and offers a really simple solution to cope with it.

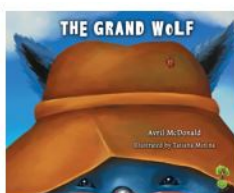
Children fall in love with Wolfgang and his friends who subtly help to show them simple strategies to deal with situations such as: Self-Confidence, Anxiety & Fears, Change, Loss & Grief and Worries & Calming Down. Clinical psychologists give her work [outstanding endorsements](#) citing it as being “based on sound psychological research that really resonates with children”.



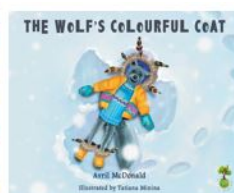
Self-Confidence



Anxiety & Fears



Change Loss & Grief



Bullying & Kindness



Worries & Calming Down

You can find out more information on the books and Avril here: [www.feelbrave.com](http://www.feelbrave.com).

### Celebrating our Young Leaders

Congratulations to Cate who was awarded a Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award last week at the Horowhenua District Council. Cate along with eleven other primary aged students received the award at an event organised by the Westpac Bank here in Levin. Thanks too to some of our Kapa Haka girls, Mr D and Mr B who came along to sing a waiata to support Cate. We were VERY proud e hine ma!



Cate with the other winners... small in stature but HUGE indeed!



We were also very proud of our Kapa Haka ropu who went to the Masonic Village last week to perform. Despite being a little 'shy' (they're not when they are at school lol!) they did us proud. Thanks to all of the whanau who helped to transport and a HUGE thank you again to Mr B, Nadene and Arianna. I was especially taken with the waiata that had been written for me (Principal) by some of the kids last year. It made me a bit watery in the eye department!

### A word of caution...

We know that it is very exciting when your children are receiving awards at assembly and are performing in various items and **we don't mind the odd photo being taken** BUT we have a number of students (14) whose parents have specifically asked that their children's images are not to be 'captured'. **Please check with us before filming (or recording) anything or using photos or anyone other than your child** – thanks. This is particularly important with anything you might be considering posting on social media!

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## An idea for at home...

Try this website... Free Rice <http://freerice.com/category>

Free Rice is a 100% non-profit website that is owned by and supports **the United Nations World Food Programme**. Many of our kids are hooked and really enjoying the Maths and English vocab sections.

### Free Rice has two goals:

- **Provide education to everyone for free.**
- **Help end world hunger by providing rice to hungry people for free.**



Each time a child answers a question correctly, the banner ad that is seen generates enough money for the World Food Programme to buy 10 grains of rice to help reach Zero Hunger (Thanks Emma for finding this!)

Not only are our kids learning, but helping others in the world at the same time.

## Welcome to Matua Josh

We welcome Matua Josh who is on practicum placement with us for the next few weeks. Josh, who will be in Megan McKenzie's class, is completing his Teacher Education at Te Wananga o Raukawa in the Poutuarongo Te Rangakura Kaiwhakaako Teacher Trainee Degree programme. He started with us on Monday and I suspect he already has some new best friends!!

## Fundfinders

Meeting next Monday 14 August at 3.15 pm in the Library. Once again we would love your ideas - coming to the meeting is NOT committing you to attending every other meeting! All welcome.

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